

13 March 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. Mr. Dulles discussed with me several things that he said he would take up with Mr. McCone, the DCI. They concern the following:
 - A. Interview with U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
 - B. Forthcoming series of 3 appearances of one-hour each over the CBS television network
 - C. An offer from Bill Benton to do a story on espionage for the Encyclopedia Britannica
 - D. The de Gramont book
 - E. His recent participation at Wesleyan College in Middletown, Conn. on a panel, with Douglass Cater of "The Reporter"
 - F. An offer from the Encyclopedia of Russia and the Soviet Union to be editor of a volume on espionage
3. Herewith is Mr. Dulles' memorandum to me of 23 February 1962, a copy of my reply of 27 February 1962, and a copy of the transcript of his interview with U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT. On 4 March 1962 Mr. Dulles telephoned me to say that he thought if he cleaned up the manuscript for the U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, it might still be used. I pointed out again that in mentioning foreign countries and taking credit for things like Suez, he was getting into matters that he would not have permitted anyone ~~else~~ to do when he was the DCI. I thought that since he had left the Agency only a short while ago, and since he is still a consultant and is interested in other writing projects, he should not permit U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT to use this interview. Mr. Dulles said that of course he is now a private citizen, but that maybe he would mention to Mr. McCone what

he is doing. He said his only aim is, of course, to help the Agency.

4. Some months ago Eric Sevareid, CBS, arranged with Mr. Dulles to do "a Walter Lippman type" interview in a series of three one-hour telecasts. He asked if I thought this was a good idea. I told him I thought it was. He said he would discuss it with Mr. McCone.

5. Mr. Dulles said that Bill Benton asked him to do a 24,000 word story on espionage for the Encyclopedia Britannica. He said he thought he might do this on his own, but maybe he could get some help from ONE, and he would like to have me look the whole thing over before he submits it to give him the benefit of my experience. He said he thought he would discuss this with Mr. McCone also. I reminded him that the Agency has never done anything for publication on the subject of espionage. He said if he did it, it would of course be strictly on his own.

6. Regarding the forthcoming book by de Gramont, Mr. Dulles said he doesn't believe that he ever saw de Gramont. I assured him that he had seen him and that I was present and that he had had [REDACTED] telephone to [REDACTED] to see de Gramont, and that now we learn that [REDACTED] had shown him newsclippings, had had him to his apartment in Washington, had visited him twice in Paris, had given him a copy of "Caught In The Act," and generally helped him as a result of Mr. Dulles' authorization. Mr. Dulles said: "Of course [REDACTED] has nothing that isn't open and overt, so really there couldn't have been any damage done by my referring de Gramont to [REDACTED]"

7. Mr. Dulles asked if I had seen any reports regarding his talk in Middletown, Conn. to Wesleyan College students. I told him I had a nephew there who was impressed by Mr. Dulles, thought his talk was pretty good, but commented

that Mr. Dulles exhibited some newspaper clippings which appeared to be a criticism of the American Press, stating that we tell the Russians too much. Mr. Dulles said he really was less critical of the Press than was Douglass Cater, but said that maybe in the future he shouldn't create any impression that he might be attacking any element of the Press. I told him that Douglass Cater as a newspaperman can get away with this, but Mr. Dulles as a Government official, can expect attacks and some ill will.

8. Mr. Dulles also sent me a letter from the Donat Publishing Company, New York City, in which Mr. Alexander Donat sent to him for his personal use a one-volume Encyclopedia of Russia and the Soviet Union, edited by Prof. M. T. Florinsky and distributed by McGraw-Hill Book Co. They informed Mr. Dulles that they intend to publish an Encyclopedia of Espionage and asked him to assume the editorship. Mr. Dulles replied that in view of commitments that he has entered into, he felt he could not accept the editorship of the work, but if Mr. Donat should be in Washington, he (Mr. Dulles) would be interested to hear more of the project.

9. Mr. Dulles said that he had written to Roy Howard regarding Scripps-Howard's having carried excerpts from the Tully book. I told Mr. Dulles that Columbia Pictures is interested in buying the book. He asked for and I gave to him for his own files a copy of "Caught In The Act," "The U-2 Trial," "Cuba Vs. The CIA," "A Study of a Master Spy," "Allen's Gangsters In Action." These are all Communist or pro-Communist publications.

10. Mr. Dulles emphasized that he plans to discuss these and other matters of public writings and public appearances with Mr. McGraw-Hill

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